

Breckinridge County Project Development Board

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Special Meeting

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The meeting was called to order by Judge Ray Powers. Members present were Judge Ray Powers, James Henning, Charles Allen Wilson, Tom Brite, Chris Alexander, Judge Bruce Butler, Judge Shan Embry and James Bouman (AOC). Absent was Connie Brumfield.

The only item on the agenda was design discussion with Jill Smith from Brandstetter Carroll. Judge Butler informed the board that he had spoken to the chief justice regarding the judges' need for sufficient sized conference/hearing rooms. Tom Brite also drafted a letter to the chief justice addressing these needs. A copy was given to each of the board members present. Jill Smith, Brandstetter Carroll, assured the board it was not too late for the interior walls to be changed. She told the board that the unique needs of Breckinridge County were expressed at the Phase A meeting with the AOC. James Bouman, AOC, said he was looking for a solution that would address the needs of the county now and in the future. His main concern is maintaining the functionality of the building.

A request was made by Judge Butler to make the conference/hearing rooms the same size as the current hearing room of Judge Miller. There was a suggestion by Jill to use the grand jury room as a hearing room. Judge Butler told Jill this would not work because grand jury is held during the same time as circuit court. Jill presented a plan with a shared judges' conference room with a size of 27 x 16. However, under this plan, prisoners would have to be walked through the secure area and past the secretary/waiting area. However, the plan could be revised to have the conference room directly off of the hallway. James Bouman told the board he would run this by court security. The plan also called for a grand jury/multipurpose room. Judge Butler raised concern about not having a dedicated grand jury room. Jill will be visiting the circuit court on November 5 and December 1. She also advised the board she would be meeting with Connie on November 10, if any of the other board members would like to meet with her.

At the next meeting, Jill hopes to bring back the revised 2nd floor plans with furniture drawn in. Judge Butler then raised concern with the walls between the public restroom and the grand jury room being sound proof. Jill told the board of the different sound proofing option. Generally rooms are battened with sound proof insulation with sound seals on the doors. James Bouman asked the board if they had any knowledge of mediation coming to Breckinridge County. The 2008 buildings are including mediation suites in the program.

The discussion then focused on the 1st floor district courtroom. Judge Embry would like for the county attorney to have a large pretrial conference room in a public area near the courtroom. She requested that the judges share a conference room and move the other for a pretrial conference room.

The proposed revised plans are acceptable to the board members and can be drawn up for the November 11, 2008 meeting. The drafted letter to the chief justice will be put on hold. There was then discussion regarding the recording capabilities of the rooms. According to James Bouman, only the courtrooms and the chambers will be supported by recording devices.

Judge Embry then brought up having archival storage space for the circuit clerk. Jill told Judge Embry she would be meeting with Connie on November 10 and it would be discussed then. There will not be a full basement under the building, but if it sits on the site just right, there could be some storage space.

There was some discussion about test bores on the foundation of the building. Richard told the board he would like to wait until after the current buildings are demolished and get drills on the 4 corners and the center of the new building site. Ray informed the board the county is working on moving. The survey & topographical RFPs will be in on November 7.

Tom Brite made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Judge Butler seconded. All members voted aye. Motion carried.